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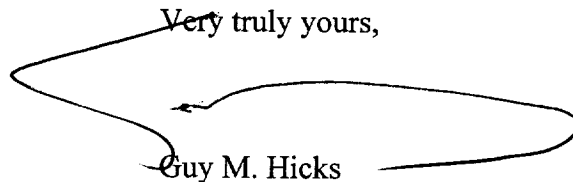
Re: *BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Entry Into Long Distance
(InterLATA) Service in Tennessee Pursuant to Section 271 of the
Telecommunications Act of 1996*
Docket No. 97-00309

Dear Director Malone:

Consistent with BellSouth's Motion to Amend Procedural Schedule filed today, BellSouth respectfully requests that the status conference currently scheduled for September 21, 2001, be deferred until the week of October 22, 2001. This schedule change would permit all parties to have the opportunity to file responsive testimony prior to the pre-hearing conference.

Thank you for your additional consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,



Guy M. Hicks

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